(c) whether it is a fact that Government have not reduced the prices of these drugs for months together when Government was prompt in increasing the prices;

(d) what was the prices of each of these drugs before the reduction of custom duty on its intermediates and what is the price afterwards;

(e) whether it is a fact that earlier Government reduced prices across the board; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons for delay in reduction of prices by 17 per cent across the board and by when such an effect would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) As per EXIM Policy 1992—97, the imports of raw materials|intermediates, required for the production of bulk drugs, is allowed at market determined rates of foreign exchange. The customs duty on raw materials|intermediates required for the manufacture of 74 bulk drugs was reduced to set off the impact of increase in the landed cost due to change over to market determined rate. The following example explains the net affect on this account on the landed cost of the raw materials|intermediates:

	At official rate (Rs.)	At market rate (Rs.)
CIF price say US $ 1.00	26.00	31.00
Custom duty @110%	28.60	@80%24.80
Landed cost	54.60	55.80

Hence, there is no need to revise the prices, on *suo-moto* basis, of drugs under price control, which include those mentioned in part (b) of the question. In regard to bulk drugs out-side price control, the concerned companies have been advised through their Associations to submit data regarding price of bulk drug in case it has been revised upwards taking into account customs duty at the rate of 110 per cent and exchange rate at market determined rate.

Suo Moto Price increase of Drugs

1455. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the prices of Drugs on *suo-moto*;

(b) if so, names of drugs for which price increase was allowed on *Suo moto* basis during the last two years, year-wise alongwith the basis on which *suo-moto* increase was allowed;

(c) what was earlier price, increased price and percentage of increase in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have not applied the same yard stick of *suo-motto* basis in the cases of reduction of prices of drugs;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) what are the names of drugs for which prices were reduced on *suo-motto* basis during the last two years alongwith earlier and reduced price of each; and

(g) what are the basis on which price reduction was affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Consequent upon change in exchange rate of

rupee against major foreign currencies in July, 1991, Government had revised the prices of 54 bulk drugs to compensate the manufacturers for the increase in input costs, on the basis of cost data available with the Government and in consultation with BICP. A Statement indicating earlier price and revised price of these 54 bulk drugs is given in the Statement-I. (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The list of bulk drugs whose prices have been reduced during the last two years is given in the Statement-II. (*See* below).

(g) The reduction in prices of drugs was done on the basis of some complaints and after examination and scrutiny of relevant data available with the Department.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Bulk Drug	Unit	Earlier Price (Rs.)	Revised Price (Rs.)	% increase
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Pyrental Pamoate	Kg.	1250.00	1282.00	2.56
2	Methyl Dopa	Kg.	1967.00	2434.00	23.74
3	Dextropropoxyphene Hcl for (Wockhardt)	Kg.	3356.00	2726.00	11.14
4	Framycetin Sulphate	Kg.	10512.00	13355.00	27.05
5	Ibuprofen	Kg.	450.00	521.00	15.73
6	Chloroquine Phosphate	Kg.	950.00	1171.00	23.26
7	Furazolidone	Kg.	337.00	460.00	36.50
8	Chloroquine Sulphate.	Kg.	1180.00	1464.00	24.07
9	Mebhydroline Napadisylate	Kg.	1010.00	1207.00	19.50
10	Rifampicin	Kg.	3850.00	5201.00	35.09
11	Pyrazinamide	Kg.	1222.00	1688.00	38.13
12	Salbutamol Sulphate	Gm.	7.20	8.96	24.44
13	Sulphamoxole	Kg.	399.00	466.00	1.79
14	Insuline	MU	13991.00	16957.00	21.00
15	Cloxacillin (Sodium Oral Grade)	Kg.	2048-00	2597.00	26.81
16	Xylocaine/Lidocaine	Kg.	410.00	453.00	10.49
17	I.N.H. (Isopiazid)	Kg.	252.00	304.00	20.63
18	Cetrimide	Kg.	137.23	183.00	33.35
19	Ephedrine Hcl	Kg.	1300.00	1413.00	8.69
20	Benzathine Penicillin	Kg.	1924.00	2084.00	8.32
21	Ethambutol	Kg.	811.00	1002.00	23.55
22	Terbutaline Sulphate	Kg.	23441.00	3215-.00	37.19

1	2	3	4	5	
23	Dexamathaeone Pure	Gm.	92·00	135·33	47·10
24	Dexamethasone Phosphate	Gm.	97·00	132·95	37·06
25	Amodiaquine Hcl	Kg.	693·00	809·00	16·74
26	Sulphadiazine	Kg.	461·00	607·00	31·67
27	Oxytocin	Kg.	5707·00	7477·00	30·91
28	Diothylcarbamazine Citrate	Kg.	284·00	347·00	22·18
29	D.C. M.X.	Kg.	235·00	275·00	17·02
30	Sulphadimidine	Kg.	278·00	311·00	14·39
31	Levamisole Hcl	Kg.	2369·00	2695·00	18·80
32	Dihydra lazine Sulphate	Kg.	472·00	575·00	21·82
33	Iodochlorohydroxy-quinoline	Kg.	309·00	397·00	28·48
34	Xauthinol Nicotinate	Kg.	409·00	451·00	10·51
35	Gentamycin Sulphate	Gm.	12·50	12·88	3·04
36	Diloxanide Furoate	Kg.	472·00	501·00	6·14
37	Dimethyl Chlortetracycline	Kg.	2680·00	2770·00	3·36
38	Phenobarbitone	Kg.	743·00	814·00	9·56
39	Phenobarbitone Sodium	Kg.	970·00	1047·00	7·94
40	Aminophyline	Kg.	253·00	270·00	6·72
41	Theophylline	Kg.	315·00	336·00	6·67
42	Hydroxythyl Theophyline	Kg.	438·00	527·00	20·32
43	Oxytetracycline Hcl	Kg.	750·00	765·00	2·00
44	Sulphamethaxazole	Kg.	340·00	351·00	3·24
45	Totracycline Hcl	Kg.	1084·00	1095·00	1·01
46	Chlorhexidine Digluconate	Kg.	681·00	940·00	38·03
47	Spironolactone	Kg.	16770·00	18899·00	12·70
48	Para-chloro Metaxylenole	Kg.	221·00	293·00	32·53
49	Cephalexin	Kg.	5194·00	5311·00	2·25
50	Frusemide	Kg.	1911·00	1982·00	3·78
51	Betamethasone Alcohol	Gm.	144·19	149·42	3·63
52	Betamethasone Valerate	Gm.	136·58	143·31	4·39
53	Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate	Gm.	144.58	149·21	3·20
54	*Trimethoprim;	Kg.	1046·00	1400·00	3·84

*This price was revised based on the fresh cost-cum-technical study conducted by HCP recently which include the impact of change in exchange rate of rupee against major currencies.

Statement-II

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Unit	Previous price (Rs.)	Revised price (Rs.)	Reduced (with effect from)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Acetazolamide	Kg.	746·00	735·64	14--4-1990
2	Mebhydroline Naphadisylate .	Kg.	1132·18	1010.00	9-8-1990
3	Salbutamol Sulphate . . .	gms.	16·02	7·20	15-10-1990
4	Oxytetracyline Hcl. . . .	Kg.	822·00	750.00	19-10-1990
5	Phentoin Sodium . . .	Kg.	261·06	236.00	23-1-1991
6	Metronidazole	Kg.	482·00	428·00	1-2-1991
7	Metronidazole Benzoate . .	Kg.	511·00	380·00	1-2-1991
8	Ibuprofen	Kg.	502·00	450·00	1-2-1991
9	Amoxycillin Triphydrate . .	Kg.	2660·00	2093·00	11-2-1991
10	Analgin	Kg.	280·00	251·00	26-2-1991
11	Sulphacetamide . . .	Kg.	352·00	350·30	7-3-1991
12	Sulphamethoxazole . . .	Kg.	390·00	340·00	7-3-1991
13	Methyldopa	Kg.	2148.00	1967·00	7-3-1991
14	Isoxuprin Hcl.	Kg.	8997·00	6401·00	7-3-1991
15	Sulphamoxole	Kg.	430·00	399·00	3-6-1991
16	Rifampicin	Kg.	5201·00	4946·00	24-1-1992

Non action on complaints against Officers of Special Team

1456. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 376 given in Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1992 and state;

(a) what are the reasons for non action on the complaints against officers concerned when specific complaints were received regarding manipulation of amounts and figures and prima facie omissions and commissions were established;

(b) whether it is also a fact that direction of the former Minister to fix-responsibility has also been ignored to protect the guilty bureaucrats;

(c) if so, what are the details of those direction and when the same were issued;

(d) when would the revised tentative calculations be completed and what are the names of companies who have still to provide complete details;

(e) what action has been taken against the defaulting companies?